The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center and the Charlotte County Natural Resources Department will be conducting the following free programs for the public in March 2024. All programs can be found at www.checflorida.org

Free Guided Nature Walks

All walks begin at 9:00 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from November to April. Once a month, on Fridays at 9:00 am, a free guided walk will be led at Cedar Point Environmental Park.

On these casual walks with CHEC volunteers, you will search for and learn about plants, animals, fungi, and more that live in Charlotte County preserves. Prepare for each walk with plenty of water, a hat, insect repellent, sunscreen, and clothing that will protect you from insects and plants.

Advance registration is required. To register, please fill out this <u>form</u>. For more information, please contact *tome@checflorida.org* or call **941-475-0769**.

Friday, March 1st - Join CHEC for a guided tour of the beautiful 115-acre **Cedar Point Environmental Park** in Englewood. Meet outside the Cedar Point Visitor Center.

Saturday, March 2nd - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 137-acre **Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park** in Englewood. Meet at the San Casa entrance.

<u>Monday, March 4th</u> - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 80-acre <u>Bill Coy</u>

<u>Preserve</u> in Englewood. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck

Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot.

Wednesday, March 6th - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 80-acre Bayshore Live Oak Park in Port Charlotte. Historical figures and beautiful views characterize this park located along Charlotte Harbor. Meet in the parking lot by the playground.

<u>Saturday, March 9th</u> - Join CHEC on a guided walk through <u>Tippecanoe II</u> <u>Mitigation Preserve</u> in Port Charlotte. This 182-acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the parking lot. Monday, March 11th - Join CHEC on a guided walk through 380- acre <u>Tippecanoe</u> Environmental Park. This Charlotte County park includes habitats such as scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh, and wetlands. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park.

Wednesday, March 13th - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 225-acre **Amberjack Environmental Park** in Rotonda. Meet at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

<u>Saturday, March 16th</u> - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods, scrub habitat and mangrove fringe of 135-acre <u>Oyster Creek</u> <u>Environmental Park</u> in Englewood. Meet at the parking lot.

<u>Monday, March 18th</u> - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 225-acre <u>Amberjack Environmental Park</u> in Rotonda. Meet at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

<u>Wednesday, March 20th</u> - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 80-acre <u>Bayshore Live Oak Park</u> in Port Charlotte. Historical figures and beautiful views characterize this park located along Charlotte Harbor. **Meet in the parking lot by the playground.**

<u>Saturday, March 23rd</u> - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 137-acre <u>Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park</u> in Englewood. Meet at the San Casa entrance.

Monday, March 25th - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 80-acre Bill Coy Preserve in Englewood. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot.

Wednesday, March 27th - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 225-acre **Amberjack Environmental Park** in Rotonda. Meet at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

<u>Saturday, March 30th</u> - Join CHEC on a guided walk through <u>Tippecanoe II</u>

<u>Mitigation Preserve</u> in Port Charlotte. This 182-acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the parking lot.

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